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SECURING LOAN OF POLISH ARTIFACTS FOR THE WORLD OF  
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1. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN WARSAW INFORMED US TODAY THAT, ALTHOUGH PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE GOP MINISTRY OF CULTURE FOR THE LOAN OF THESE ARTIFACTS FOR THE WORLD OF FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON EXHIBIT SHOWING IN CHICAGO, THOSE ITEMS WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN LOANED BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN KRAKOW WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN. DIRECTOR CHRUSCICKI OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN KRAKOW SAYS THAT THESE ITEMS, KOSCIUSKO'S SWORD, KOSCIUSZKO'S NOMINATION AS A GENERAL IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, AND THREE LETTERS FROM JEFFERSON TO KOSCUSZKO, ARE PART OF A LARGE COLLECTION WHICH WAS BEQUEATHED TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM BY A WEALTHY POLISH FAMILY (NO NAME WAS GIVEN) ON THE CONDITION THAT NONE OF THE ARTIFACTS EVER LEAVE POLAND. DIRECTOR CHRUSCICKI SAYS THAT HE IS NOT AT LIBERTY TO BREAK THAT TRUST.

2. DIRECTOR CHRUSCICKI IS MOST ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE IN THIS LOAN IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE. HE SAYS THAT HIS WORKSHOPS ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING IDENTICAL REPLICAS OF THE  
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ITEMS IN QUESTION, INCLUDING THE SWORD, WHICH WOULD BE IDENTIFIABLE AS REPLICAS ONLY BY EXPERTS. HE IS WILLING TO MAKE THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR LAON. NONE OF THE COSTS OF REPRODUCING THESE ITEMS WOULD HAVE TO BE BORNE BY THE CONGRESSMAN, SINCE THESE ITEMS WOULD BE USED EVENTUALLY BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR OTHER TRAVELING EXHIBITS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THESE REPLICAS WILL SUFFICE AND IF WE SHOULD ARRANGE FOR THEIR LOAN AND SHIPMENT.

3. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM IN WARSAW STATES THAT THE PACKING, AIRFREIGHT, AND INSURANCE CHARGES QUOTED IN THE WARSAW REFTEL ARE FOR THE OTHER THREE ITEMS DESIRED FOR LOAN: KOSCIUSZKO'S PORTRAIT, PULASKI'S PORTRAIT, AND THE PORTRAIT OF JEFFERSON BY KOSCIUSZKO. THEY ALSO STATE THAT THEY NEED CONFIRMATION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS THAT THESE LOANS WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PACK AND CRATE THE PORTRAITS AND ARRANGE FOR THEIR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND FORWARDING BY AIR TO CHICAGO. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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